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November 8, 1991

Dear Ms. Chulick:

As previously discussed by phone, Lord Corporation has determined that an underground storage tank (RG1 Sump) which was employed for the accumulation of hazardous waste has failed. The tank was immediately taken out of service and subsequently removed from the ground. The failure resulted in materials entering the ground; these materials are similar to those found in the recent Superfund RI Ph II investigation completed by Warzyn and are upgradient of the contamination found by Warzyn. Lord initially thought this RG1 RCRA UST failure was an isolated incident and not pertinent to the Superfund investigation. Lord had engaged REMCOR, Inc. to thoroughly investigate the scope of contamination; Lord received the REMCOR report on November 7, 1991. Based upon the findings of this report, Lord now feels that the failed tank may be the source of the contamination found west of the Lord facility. Lord is therefore providing copies of the report to USEPA and Warzyn for evaluation in the RI/FS process.

Lord is also providing the information you requested on all of the underground storage tanks at the Saegertown facility. During the week of November 4, 1991, Lord personnel inspected all remaining tanks and found no evidence of contamination entering the ground. A summary of this inspection is attached. Also attached is a Table summarizing the status of Lord UST at the Saegertown facility, the report from GAI consultants on the inspection of the previous tanks before installation of the current tanks per UST regulations in 1988, copies of the pertinent Waste Profile Sheets, and a copy of the UST registrations for UST tanks at the Lord Saegertown facility.



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Lord and Warzyn will plan further discussions with USEPA on the impact of this new information on the current RI/FS as soon as Warzyn has evaluated the information.

Very truly yours,

LORD CORPORATION

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Attachments (2 each item)

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